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TAB A

A. Criteria of Significance and Level of Approval

1. Approval of the Director shall be required:

a. When the means or ends of any project have a potential for:

(1) altering the overt foreign policy of the United States;

(2) implicating the United States Government to the point of inciting a foreign power to positive punitive action;

(3) jeopardizing the position of the Agency in the United States government structure through inciting the wrath of Congress or other government agencies, or the American public;

(4) becoming a national or international political issue;

(5) involving serious competition with any American or foreign business activity;

(6) altering any NSC policy or requiring the issuance of a new NSC policy;

(7) negating or seriously interfering with the conduct or effect of other Agency programs or projects, or;

b. When the project necessitates or implies a major revision of Agency mission or policy, or;

c. When the project requires a reapportionment of funds between major components of the Agency, or;

d. When the project involves \$200,000 or more in any one fiscal year.

2. Approval of the PRC shall be required:

a. When the means or ends of any project have a potential for:

(1) influencing the overt foreign policy of the United States Government or any foreign power;

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(2) implicating the United States Government to the point of jeopardizing diplomatic relations with any foreign power;

(3) embarrassing this Agency before Congress or other government agencies;

(4) serious political embarrassment with domestic political parties or labor organizations, or;

b. When the project involves \$50,000-\$200,000 in any one fiscal year. *more than 50000*

3. When implications in either the means or the ends of any project have a potential for conflict between or duplication of the operations of components of this Agency, or the project involves \$25,000-\$50,000 in any one fiscal year, the project shall be referred to the DD/P for consideration and approval prior to implementation. *DDI*

4. Any project which has none of the implications mentioned in categories 1-3 above, and involves less than \$25,000 may be approved and implemented by the Assistant Director concerned. *ILLEGIB*

5. In the event of any doubt in determining the significance of any project, detailed information including reasons for referral, shall be submitted to the next higher authority for consideration. *ADD DD(P) 25000  
DD(P) 50000  
PRC 50000  
PRC 20000*

C. The highest level of significance of any single factor shall determine the authority required for approval and implementation of a project, and it shall be reviewed by all intermediate authorities.

*What is highest?* 1. Projects may be disapproved at any intermediate level of authority.

2. Whenever any reviewing official estimates the significance of any single factor to be higher than the original classification, he shall prepare written support of his position in regard to each contested factor, whether positive or negative, and submit it together with the project to the next higher authority.

D. The attached Chart A should be used as a mechanical device to ensure that all factors in any project have been evaluated.

1. For purposes of this device the term "Domestic" shall be interpreted to mean "entirely within the United States."

*National*  
2. The term "Foreign Domestic" shall be interpreted to mean "entirely within any single foreign country."

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2.  
3. The term "International" shall be interpreted to mean "entirely within each of two or more countries" or, "any resultant interrelationship between two or more countries."

4. The term "Psychological" shall be interpreted to mean projects directed toward influencing the attitudes of people generally in a particular area or nation, i.e., the general public mind.

5. The term "Sociological" shall be interpreted to mean projects directed toward influencing attitudes of people in particular groups within an area or nation to inspire ultimate overt action.

6. Other terms are believed to be self-explanatory.

E. In applying this device it is expected that each of the eighteen factors shall be individually evaluated in relation to the established criteria of significance. For purposes of simplicity in the initial evaluation, it is suggested that each factor be assigned a value on the basis of the criteria in somewhat the following manner:

1. Factors of the highest significance requiring DCI approval may be assigned a value of

1

2. Factors of serious significance requiring PRC action and approval may be assigned a value of

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3. Factors of moderate significance requiring DD/P action and approval may be assigned a value of

3

4. Factors which may be approved and implemented by Assistant Directors may be assigned a value of

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F. Each evaluation, whether positive or negative, shall be justified or explained and included as a part of the project presentation.